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Redevelopment Board Minutes 12/20/2004

Arlington Redevelopment Board
Minutes of December 20, 2004

Members Present: Ed Tsoi
 Nora Mann
 Barry Faulkner
 Roly Chaput

Also attending: Kevin O'Brien, Secretary ex officio

Ed Tsoi opened the meeting at 8:20 and presented a gift from the board to Nora Mann, expressing appreciation for her service to the Town.

The Board discussed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw that could be submitted for the warrant for next year's Annual Town Meeting. Chick Abbott of the Housing Authority and Mark Winkeller, executive director of Caritas, discussed Mr. Abbott's suggested amendment about reducing the parking requirement at single room occupancy buildings that provided affordable housing.

At 8:50, Brian Rehrig joined the meeting and Ed Tsoi introduced a discussion about the conservation restriction proposed for the Symmes property. Jake Upton reported on the progress made and said a new draft would be finished this week.

Ed Tsoi asked for a motion to appoint a board member to the Arlington Affordable Housing Task Force. It was suggested that Lynne Lowenstein serve on the committee and she was appointed by acclamation.

Next the Board discussed an appointment to the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee and determined to seek a representative – not a Board member - for appointment.

Kevin O'Brien showed the Board a proposal for new signs for the Hyundai Dealer at 1165 Massachusetts Avenue. The Board decided that the proposed changes were significantly in keeping with the existing special permit for signs and asked Kevin O'Brien to approve the new signs administratively.

The Board next discussed the minutes of earlier meetings and approved the minutes for meetings on September 15, 20, 22, 17; October 4, 25; November 15 (including Executive Session), November 22 (including Executive Session); and December 6 (including Executive Session).

Barry Faulkner moved that the Board enter into Executive Session in order to discuss progress in a proposal made by the developer of the Symmes site which discussion if held in open session would affect the value of Town owned land. Nora Mann seconded the motion and Kevin O'Brien polled the Board. Barry Faulkner – yes, Roly Chaput – yes, Nora Mann – yes, Ed Tsoi – yes.

At the end of the discussion, Barry Faulkner moved that the Board leave Executive Session. Ed Tsoi seconded the motion and Kevin O'Brien polled the Board. Barry Faulkner – yes, Roly Chaput – yes, Nora Mann – yes, Ed Tsoi – yes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin O'Brien